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McALPINE LOCKS AND DAM SCHEDULED LOCKAGES

FOR RECREATIONAL CRAFT CALENDAR YEAR

2003 OHIO RIVER MILE 606.8

1. Commencing on May 23, 2003, and continuing through October 26, 2003, McAlpine Locks and Dam will provide scheduled lockages for recreational craft according to the following provisions.
 - a. During this period, recreational craft will be locked at the hours of 8:00 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. local time, on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The included holidays are Memorial Day (May 26), and Labor Day, (September 1).
 - b. As soon as the chamber is available, on or after the scheduled hour, one lockage of recreational craft in each direction will be made, if any recreational boat(s) have requested lockage.
 - c. Recreational craft shall notify the lock upon arrival, so the operator on duty is aware of the need for a scheduled recreational boat lockage. If no recreational boats have requested lockage by the scheduled times, lockage will continue according to normal procedures, as described below.
2. Lockages of recreational craft outside of these scheduled hours will be conducted according to normal procedures. In general, vessels are locked in order of arrival, except that commercial cargo tows have precedence for locking ahead of recreational craft. However, if the recreational craft cannot be locked within the time required for three other lockages, a separate lockage of recreational craft shall be made.

The statutory basis for these procedures is the “ Regulations for Use, Administration, and Navigation, Prescribed by the Secretary of the Army for Ohio River, Mississippi River above Cairo, Illinois, and their Tributaries”, also known as the “Blue Book”. This document can be found as Appendix E of the Navigation Notice 1-2003, which is available at the Internet site:

<http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/NavNotices/Documents/NN1-2003.pdf>

3. Exceptions:

High Water Periods. When the upper gauge of McAlpine is at 13 feet and rising, the U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) goes into effect. During these periods, VTS directs the movement of river traffic between Twelve-Mile Island, Mile 593.0 and McAlpine Locks and Dam, Mile 606.8. McAlpine Lock will be operated as needed to most safely and efficiently accommodate the vessel traffic as directed by the VTS.